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THE democrats are getting more real pleasure out of the republican senatorial scrap than they would to have carried the state themselves in the old way.

THE representative who introduced the bill to prohibit tips to waiters must have patronized the cafe at the Lindell in St. Louis sometime during the world's fair.

MR. NIEDRINGHAUS represents the vigorous, active republicanism of Missouri and his election would mean death to factionalism within the party in this state.

THERE are some republicans in this county, who, we are sorry to say, are afflicted with Filleyism, in that they rush to democratic newspapers to air their party troubles.

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THERE are at least a dozen republican representatives at Jefferson City who ought to take time by the forelock and announce now that they will not be candidates for reelection two years hence.

THE BLADE, the Farmer and Stockman, a large weekly agricultural paper, the Homemaker, a monthly magazine, and the Farm Gazette, a handsomely printed and well edited monthly farm magazine—all four publications one year for \$1.25.

THE investigation of the charges against Mr. Niedringhaus was thorough and complete, and the result was a vindication of the state chairman and was so accepted, not only by the republicans of the general assembly, but by the republicans of the entire state.

No difference what the outcome of the senatorial contest may be, it will become a historical fact that the election of Mr. Niedringhaus, the caucus nominee, would have added more to the strength of the republican party, and given the state a better standing abroad than any other man.

ONE of the principal causes of the growth of the mail order houses we now hear so much about, is the home merchant's neglect in not keeping the prices of his goods before the people. Many a person sends away for goods because he doesn't know that the home merchant's price is just as low, and in many cases lower.

It would be a bitter pill for the old line democracy of Missouri to see a vigorous and stalwart young republican sent from this state to the United States senate. Therefore the democratic representatives at Jefferson City are doing all they can to prolong the senatorial deadlock, hoping to lay the election over two years and then shove in a democrat.

AFTER his defeat for the caucus nomination for United States senator, Col. R. C. Kerens issued a statement in which he said: "I am not discouraged and have no words of criticism. It is my school of politics to bow uncomplainingly to the will of the majority." The developments since show that he was not sincere, but issued the statement to allay suspicion and deceive the people while he hatched a plot to defeat the will of the majority and disrupt the party, if possible, in this state.

Asks for a Million.

The biennial report of the board of curators of the university of Missouri was issued this week. The needs of the university, including departments at Columbia and Rolla, if fully provided for, will require appropriations aggregating \$1,046,433. A large part of this can come from the collat-

eral inheritance tax, which is set aside for the university but is not available under the constitution till appropriated by the legislature. The amount asked for includes appropriations by the last general assembly for several new buildings which have not been erected, owing to the failure of the inheritance tax to yield sufficient revenue for the purpose. If the entire amount is given it will not bring the income of the university of Missouri up to that of many other leading universities. The university of Illinois received a biennial income from the Illinois legislature at its last session of \$1,267,000; Michigan and Wisconsin universities have each a biennial income of \$1,200,000; Columbia, Harvard and Yale receive \$3,000,000 each for the same period. The report points out that Missouri is the fifth state in the union and suggests that it ought to have a university of this rank among those of the United States.

A Boy's Experience with Limburger.

"Ma sent me down to pay a bill at the grocer's last Saturday. The 'boss' behind the counter made me a present of something wrapped up in a piece of silver paper, which he told me was a piece of limburger cheese. When I got outside the shop I opened the paper and when I smelt what was inside I felt tired. I took it home and put it in the coal shed. In the morning I went to it again. It was still there and nobody had taken it. I wondered what I could do with it. Father and mother were getting ready to go to church. I put a piece in the back part of father's pants, and another piece in the lining of ma's muff. I walked behind when we started for church and after singing the first hymn, mother told father not to sing again but keep his mouth shut and breathe through his nose. After prayer perspiration stood on father's face and the people in the next pew to ours got up and went out. After the next hymn father whispered to mother that he thought we had better go out. After the second lesson, some of the church wardens came around to see if there were any dead rats in the church. Some more people near our pew got up and went out, putting their handkerchiefs to their noses as they went.

"The parson said they had better close the services and hold a meeting outside to discuss the sanitary condition of the church. Father told mother they had better go home one at a time. When they got home they both went into the front room, but did not speak for some time. Mother spoke first and told father to put the cat out of the room, as she thought it was going to be sick. It was sick before father could put it out.

"Mother then turned round and noticed the canary was dead. Mother told father not to sit so near the fire, as it made matters worse. Just then the hired man came in and asked if he could throw open the windows, as the room felt very close. Father went upstairs and changed his clothes and took a hot bath.

"Mother took father's clothes and offered them to a tramp, who said: 'Thanks, kind lady, they are a bit too high for me.' Mother threw them into the creek.

"Father was summoned afterward for poisoning fish. Next morning father had a note sent to him. Father came to wish me goodnight at 1 o'clock with a note in one hand and a razor stop in the other. I got under the bed. The people living next door thought we were beating carpets at our house. I cannot sit down comfortably yet. I have given my little sister what I had left of the limburger cheese. I thought it a pity to waste it."

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